

**City of Miami Beach - Special City Commission Meeting
Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall
1700 Convention Center Drive
August 30, 2004**

Mayor David Dermer
Vice-Mayor Richard L. Steinberg
Commissioner Matti Herrera Bower
Commissioner Simon Cruz
Commissioner Luis R. Garcia, Jr.
Commissioner Saul Gross
Commissioner Jose Smith

City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Attorney Murray H. Dubbin
City Clerk Robert E. Parcher

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ATTENTION ALL LOBBYISTS

Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 3 of the City Code of Miami Beach entitled "Lobbyists" requires the registration of all lobbyists with the City Clerk prior to engaging in any lobbying activity with the City Commission, any City Board or Committee, or any personnel as defined in the subject Code sections. Copies of the City Code sections on lobbyists laws are available in the City Clerk's office. Questions regarding the provisions of the Ordinance should be directed to the Office of the City Attorney.

Call to Order - 5:30 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

R9 - New Business and Commission Requests

- R9A Discussion Regarding Three (3) Straw Ballot Questions: Bay Link
1. A Resolution Calling For A Special Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 2, 2004, For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Electorate Of The City Of Miami Beach An Advisory, Non-Binding Straw Ballot Question Asking Whether The Light Rail Construction Project Known As "Baylink" That Would Connect Downtown Miami To The Miami Beach Convention Center Should Be Constructed Within The City Of Miami Beach. (Page 1)
(Requested by Mayor David Dermer)
 2. A Resolution Calling For A Special Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 2, 2004, For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Electorate Of The City Of Miami Beach An Advisory, Non-Binding Straw Ballot Question Asking Whether A Streetcar Transportation System Be Built Connecting A Loop Around Downtown Miami To A Loop Around South Beach Via A Dedicated Lane Added To The MacArthur Causeway? (Page 7)
(Requested by Commissioner Saul Gross)
 3. A Resolution Calling For A Special Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 2, 2004, For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Electorate Of The City Of Miami Beach An Advisory, Non-Binding Straw Ballot Question Asking Whether A Streetcar/Light Rail Transportation System Be Built Connecting A Downtown Miami Loop To A South Beach Loop Via A Dedicated Lane Added To The Mac Arthur Causeway? (Page 13)
(Requested by Commissioner Matti Herrera Bower)

R9 - New Business and Commission Requests (Continued)

R9B Information Regarding Bay Links Priority Status. (Page 19)
(Requested by Commissioner Jose Smith)

R9C Discussion Regarding Four (4) Straw Ballot Questions: 63rd Street Flyover

1. A Resolution Calling For A Special Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 2, 2004 For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Electorate Of The City Of Miami Beach An Advisory, Non-Binding Straw Ballot Question Asking Whether The 63rd Street Flyover Should Be Demolished.
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(Requested by Mayor David Dermer)
2. A Resolution Calling For A Special Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 2, 2004 For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Electorate Of The City Of Miami Beach An Advisory, Non-Binding Straw Ballot Question Asking Whether The 63rd Street Flyover Should Be Preserved (Not Demolished). (Page 27)
(Requested by Vice-Mayor Richard L. Steinberg)
3. A Resolution Calling For A Special Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 2, 2004 For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Electorate Of The City Of Miami Beach An Advisory, Non-Binding Straw Ballot Question Asking Whether The 63rd Street Flyover Should Be Kept Rather Than Replacing It With Three Lanes At Street Level. (Page 33)
(Requested by Commissioner Saul Gross)
4. A Resolution Calling For A Special Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 2, 2004 For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Electorate Of The City Of Miami Beach An Advisory, Non-Binding Straw Ballot Question Asking Whether The 63rd Street Flyover Should Be Replaced With Three Lanes At Street Level In Conjunction With The Florida Department Of Transportation's Rehabilitation Of The 63rd Street Bascule Bridge Project. (Page 39)
(Requested by Commissioner Matti Herrera Bower)

R9D Discussion Regarding Two (2) Straw Ballot Questions: District Elections For City Commissioners

1. A Resolution Calling For A Special Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 2, 2004 For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Electorate Of The City Of Miami Beach An Advisory, Non-Binding Straw Ballot Question Regarding Changing The Manner Of Electing The Six City Commissioners From At-Large To District Representative. (Page 45)
(Requested by Commissioner Luis R. Garcia, Jr.)
2. A Resolution Calling For A Special Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 2, 2004 For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Electorate Of The City Of Miami Beach An Advisory, Non-Binding Straw Ballot Question Regarding Changing The Manner Of Electing Three City Commissioners From At-Large To District Representation, With The Remaining Three City Commissioners And The Mayor To Continue To Be Elected At-Large. (Page 51)
(Requested by Commissioner Matti Herrera Bower)

R9 - New Business and Commission Requests (Continued)

- R9E Discussion Regarding Two (2) Straw Ballot Questions: Executive Mayor Form Of Government
1. A Resolution Calling For A Special Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 2, 2004 For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Electorate Of The City Of Miami Beach An Advisory, Non-Binding Straw Ballot Question Regarding Executive Mayor Form Of Government.
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(Requested by Commissioner Luis R. Garcia, Jr.)
 2. A Resolution Calling For A Special Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 2, 2004 For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Electorate Of The City Of Miami Beach An Advisory, Non-Binding Straw Ballot Question Regarding Executive Mayor Form Of Government.
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(Requested by Commissioner Matti Herrera Bower)
- R9F A Resolution Calling For A Special Election To Be Held On Tuesday, November 2, 2004, For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Electorate Of The City Of Miami Beach An Advisory, Non-Binding Straw Ballot Question Asking Whether Miami Beach Should Establish Annual Limits On The Construction Of New Buildings That Are Taller Than 75 Feet And Bigger Than 50,000 Square Feet.
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(Requested by Commissioner Saul Gross)
- R9G A Resolution Authorizing The Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board To Serve As Canvassing Board For The Special Election Of The City Of Miami Beach To Be Held On November 2, 2004.
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(City Attorney's Office)

End of Regular Agenda